



July 8, 1999

Dockets and Management Branch (HFZ-305) Food And Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20852

Re: ANPRM (Docket No. 98N-1170)

Dear Sir or Madam;

Attached you will find our response to the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking relating to the indoor tanning industry.

We thank you for inviting allowing us to participate in this process.

Sincerely,

Joe Schuster Board of Directors

Suntanning Association for Education

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## The Suntanning Association for Education response to the ANPRM (Docket No. 98N-1170).

The Suntanning Association is pleased to participate in the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking process, reviewing the current standards and regulations that govern the indoor tanning industry.

Our industry includes millions of men and women who attend salons with the goal of moderate ultraviolet exposure to obtain a cosmetic tan and photoprotection, to the many manufacturers and distributors and salon owners who provide these products and services.

S.A.E has played a vital role in the growth of the indoor tanning industry. Originating in 1986, S.A.E. has been the leader in the dissemination of factual information, educating and informing operators and consumers about the scientific basics of the indoor tanning process and influencing responsible choices. This we feel, is the essential role of SAE; to provide this education for the perpetuation and integrity of the indoor tanning industry. This information is now sought after and provided on an international level as well.

Our mission statement defines us: The mission statement of the Suntanning Association for Education is to organize, unite, and serve its members by providing programs, services, and products to advance the professional development of each member and the collective growth of the indoor tanning industry as a whole, delivering all S.A.E. programs, services and products at the highest level of quality and in an impartial, ethical, and professional manner.

Our goal is to educate and advocate responsible indoor tanning practices at the highest professional level within a fair and equitable regulatory environment from the Federal, State, and Local levels.

S.A.E. supports regulatory action on the local, state, and federal level based on conclusive science, and with the goal of making the indoor tanning industry prosper. These regulations should assist those that chose to make prudent, responsible choices based on fact, not conjecture.

We look forward to continuing our mission, the dissemination of factual information and increasing the professionalism of those in the indoor tanning industry.

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